

Docket No. 239611US2SRD/hc



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Naohiko OYASATO, et al.

SERIAL NO: 10/607,000

GAU:

FILED: June 27, 2003

EXAMINER:

FOR: EVALUATION SUPPORT APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR EVALUATION OF
RECYCLABILITY/ENVIRONMENTAL LOAD

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
- A check or credit card payment form is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

CERTIFICATION

- Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
- No item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

- Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check or credit card payment is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to deposit account number 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.


Marvin J. Spivak

Registration No. 24,913

Joseph A. Scafetta, Jr.

Registration No. 26,803

Customer Number

22850

Tel. (703) 413-3000
Fax. (703) 413-2220
(OSMMN 05/03)



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Naohiko OYASATO, et al.

SERIAL NO: 10/607,000

GROUP:

FILED: June 27, 2003

EXAMINER:

FOR: EVALUATION SUPPORT APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
EVALUATION OF RECYCLABILITY/ENVIRONMENTAL LOAD

STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AO (JP 2002-200477) on Form 1449:

This reference shows a similar recyclability evaluation tool, which contains recyclability evaluation method using compatibility of materials.

Reference AP (JP 7-311792) on Form 1449:

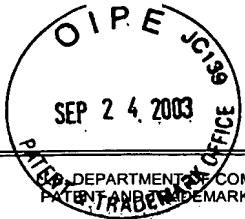
This reference shows a similar disassemblability evaluation tool, which contains CAD system and relational database system.

Reference AW on Form 1449:

This reference shows a similar software "ATROiD", which contains a case study of recycling oriented design.

Reference AX on Form 1449:

This reference shows a similar recyclability evaluation method, which contains disassemblability and cost study.

Form PTO 1449
(Modified)DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

LIST OF REFERENCES CITED BY APPLICANT

ATTY DOCKET NO.
239611US2SRDSERIAL NO.
10/607,000APPLICANT
Naohiko OYASATO, et al.FILING DATE
June 27, 2003

GROUP

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA						
	AB						
	AC						
	AD						
	AE						
	AF						
	AG						
	AH						
	AI						
	AJ						
	AK						
	AL						
	AM						
	AN						

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	TRANSLATION YES	NO
	AO	2002-200477	07/16/2002	JAPAN		X
	AP	7-311792	11/28/95	JAPAN		X
	AQ					
	AR					
	AS					
	AT					
	AU					
	AV					

OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

AW	H. Y. KANG, et al., Proc. of the 2 nd Int. Symp. on Environmentally Conscious Design and Inverse Manufacturing, pages 309-314, "RECYCLING ORIENTED DESIGN - A CASE STUDY ON HOUSE APPLIANCES USING THE SOFTWARE ATROiD", December 11, 2001
AX	Y. HIROSHIGE, et al., Proc. of the 2 nd Int. Symp. on Environmentally Conscious Design and Inverse Manufacturing, Pages 315-320, "RECYCLABILITY EVALUATION METHOD (REM) AND ITS APPLICATIONS", December 11, 2001
AY	
AZ	<input type="checkbox"/> Additional References sheet(s) attached

Examiner

Date Considered

*Examiner: Initial if reference is considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.